

MOVIE STARS LOSE COSTUMES IN FIRE

Nearly Every Engine in New York Called to Fight Million Dollar Blaze.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Of the twenty people injured in the million-dollar movie plant fire, which last night called out nearly every fire engine in New York, all but one are today on the road to recovery.

William Fredericks, engineer of engine company 21, who is dying in Bellevue, was struck by a burning hose and thrown so violently against the wall that his skull was fractured. With most of the other injured he was taken to Bellevue.

The estimate of the losses today show a \$200,000 damage to the studio of the Famous Players Film Company, in West Twenty-sixth street, including the destruction of valuable films which it was believed most difficult to duplicate. Among these was "Bella Donna," in which Pauline Frederick was the star, and "The Tenth Hour," a \$75,000 film featuring Mary Pickford.

Wardrobes Destroyed.
Elaborate scenery and the expensive wardrobes of Miss Pickford, Hazel Dawn, Marguerite Clark, Charles Cherry, John Barrymore, John Mason, Pauline Frederick, and others were destroyed. Fortunately many of the completed works of the company were stored in safety vaults in another building.

The fire, which started about 7 o'clock, was the most spectacular in the metropolis had seen for a long time. It was followed by a tremendous explosion which seemed to hurl great volumes of flame from every window of the five-story structure, which served as the Ninth Regiment Armory.

This explosion terrified more than 2,000 tenants of cheap buildings in the neighborhood and in a few moments the streets were filled with terror-stricken men, women, and children.

Fire Commissioner Adamson was early on the scene, but even before his arrival the unusual "five five" alarm, calling the entire department, had been sent in. Police reserves were hastily summoned and their hands full keeping back the 20,000 who had gathered to watch the fire.

Firemen Are Overcome.
In half an hour a score of firemen were overcome by the dense smoke that swept the neighborhood, and twenty ambulances and in a few moments hospitals were kept busy.

Only the supreme efforts of the firemen kept the flames from the adjoining tenements.

The glass roof of the film building was torn to atoms and caved in and the thousands of feet of film produced pillars of flame and smoke visible twenty miles away.

After four hours of heroic work, the fire was gotten under control, but not until Deputy Chief Martin and Battalion Chief Wagner had been knocked down and nearly overcome by the fumes.

In the work of rescue, the two women ambulance surgeons, Dr. Anna T. Tuohy and Dr. Geraldine Watson performed valued services.

Fire Commissioner Adamson declared after the fire that he thought the film companies should get together and agree on a segregated section for the storage of their films in order to minimize the danger of a conflagration such as threatened the business part of the city last night.

The Famous Players Film Company of which Daniel Frohman is managing director and in which David Belasco was interested, was insured for \$50,000. It will immediately establish temporary quarters in Yonkers.

D. A. R. Expect to Lift \$50,000 Debt on Hall

In celebration of its twenty-fifth birthday, the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a special service in Continental Memorial Hall, on October 11.

On this date, Mr. William Cumming Story, president general of the order, hopes that a sufficient fund will be raised to lift the debt of \$50,000 which remains on the hall. Today she issued a call to the members, urging them to bring this about.

The silver shower committee, Mrs. Charles B. Nelson, chairman, Winchester, Ky., is in charge of the donations for this purpose.

High School Quizzes To Be Held Thursday

Examinations of applicants from outside the District to enter Washington high schools will be made by a special board on Thursday from 9 to 5 o'clock, at Franklin School.

The board is made up of W. P. Way, Robert A. Mower, W. A. Hedrick, William J. Wallis, and Miss A. M. Merrill.

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Hope of Cool Wave Is Soon Dispelled

Light Variable Winds Best That Weather Bureau Can Offer, At Present.

Hope of a cool wave was dispelled by the Weather Bureau forecast for today, which held out only the faint hope of "light variable winds. Not much change in temperature."

The breezes and the showers of last night, which it had been hoped would precede a decidedly cooler temperature, failed to make much impression on the heat. Though the temperature did not rise this morning to the 82 registered yesterday, it was on a fair way to doing so in the late afternoon unless showers intervene.

Officials of the Weather Bureau, after much calculation, sprang a "coolest summer in years" story in the midst of the hot spell. To down the scornful remarks they produced a chart showing that, with the exception of the Southern States, and a narrow strip along the Pacific coast, the average daily temperature throughout the United States from May 15 to August 31 was from one to six degrees below normal for those fifteen weeks.

Though light breezes are expected to spring up today, no immediate relief, in the nature of a decided cool wave, is in sight, the forecaster states.

BERNSTORFF'S DENIAL

German Ambassador Known to Have Said War Would Follow Break With U. S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Although Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has repudiated the interview which was credited to him yesterday, in which he said war would inevitably follow a breaking of diplomatic relations between Washington and Berlin, it is known beyond question that the denial was simply a "diplomatic fabrication."

The statement which has been brought into use with increasing frequency by Austrian and German diplomats of late.

The assertions made by the ambassador may be summarized as follows:

That if the United States breaks off diplomatic relations war will follow within a few days. A submarine commanders would have their present orders not to sink liners without warning revoked, so that hostilities with this country would be inevitable.

Germany has conceded everything to the United States, and there is nothing more to concede. A diplomatic victory has been won by this country, the fruits of which would be lost by a severing of diplomatic relations.

The sinking of the Arabic was not a violation of either the letter or the spirit of the German assurances that liners would not be torpedoed without warning.

American opinion were not colored by pro-British propaganda, it would realize that the only question in the Arabic case is one of evidence, that the German evidence is the more credible, and that, in any event, a question of evidence is not of sufficient importance to justify a step so serious as the breaking off of diplomatic relations.

It is known absolutely that the ambassador did make utterance of these views in an informal conversation.

What is not known, is whether they were made public against his wishes, or whether he wanted to sound a warning without opening himself to the accusation of breaking diplomatic relations.

In the discussion, von Bernstorff expressed himself as astonished that this country is not satisfied by the German concessions, and is convinced that if the United States persists in its attitude, inconceivable to the ambassador, war inevitably must ensue.

The ambassador feels that a great step toward insuring the continuance of friendly relations between this country and Germany was taken when his government permitted him to send to Secretary Lansing the note of assurance that liners would not be torpedoed without warning. But he is convinced that the United States, its views distorted, as he believes, by a strong pro-British tinge, is on the verge of undoing all that was accomplished by this step.

The letter and the spirit of the promise not to attack liners without warning, von Bernstorff asserted in the discussion, have been adhered to fully. He does not believe the sinking of either the Arabic or the Hesperian constituted a violation.

Tries to Settle Strike.

William Blackman, commissioner of conciliation in the Department of Labor, has been sent to Hartford, Conn., in an effort to effect a settlement of a strike of metal polishers at the Colt's firearms works.

Stoppage of Tourist Traffic Shows No Lack of Interest, Berlitz Report Shows.

One would naturally think that the total stoppage of tourist traffic in Europe would be reflected in a lack of interest in the study of languages, but strange to say the opposite is the case.

According to the records of the Berlitz School of Languages, of this city, there are more pupils studying French, Spanish, German, Italian and Russian than ever before. So decided has been the improvement that many additional teachers have had to be engaged.

possibly this marked increase of interest may be due in part to the new commercial connections being established between this and other countries.

The Berlitz school having branches in the principal cities in Europe, was at first badly affected by the war, but its popularity in all the different countries has enabled it to keep open most of its schools, and to be of great service in the belligerent countries where the war has made more apparent than ever the need of a practical knowledge of foreign languages.

Americans ought to control the mar-

kets of the world, and they are beginning to see the necessity of being able to transact business in the language of their customer instead of relying on interpreters who may be for many reasons unreliable, or unable to grasp chances at the proper moment.

The Berlitz method does not fill the pupils' mind with a lot of theoretic grammar, but gives the learner, from the very beginning, a good knowledge of the art of speaking, reading and writing a foreign language, the principle of its teaching being that practice must come before theory.

WAR STIMULUS TO STUDY OF LANGUAGE

District Guard Third In Seagirt Rifle Matches

Third place in the New York Rifle Association's Seventy-first Regimental Trophy match was landed by the rifle team of the Third Infantry, N. G. D. C., yesterday afternoon at the Seagirt, N. J., range, according to word received here.

The match was won by the United States Marine Corps team, with a score of 1,173. Second place was taken by the second New Jersey team, who scored 1,144. The score of the District team was 1,142.

The District's aggregate individual six-range scores were: Lieutenant Martin, 155; Sergeant Shields, 187; Sergeant Major Hood, 173; Lieutenant Brown, 159; Lieutenant Schmidt, 136; Lieutenant Gerber, 139.

Concert Postponed.

The Monday evening concert at the Soldiers' Home has been postponed until Wednesday evening, because of the absence of the band from the city tomorrow.

BENZOL AND TOLUOL PROCESS A SUCCESS

Government Withdraws From Its Aetna Contract, as Previously Agreed.

The Rittman method of manufacturing benzol and toluol from petroleum is a commercial success.

This fact was proved by the withdrawal of the Government from its contract with the Aetna Explosives Company to furnish not less than \$200,000 for the development of the Rittman patents, because the company's operations were so successful that the method now is on a firm commercial basis.

May License Others.

Secretary Lane has announced that the Interior Department is ready to license any other concerns which wish to take advantage of the patents. The Aetna Company is going ahead in developing Rittman's method of extracting gasoline from petroleum.

Dr. Rittman is a chemist employed in the Bureau of Mines, who gave his patents for these two revolutionary discoveries to the Government. They have

furnished the key for the making of immense quantities of high explosives from American products.

Acts Under Contract.

"The cancellation of the contract," Secretary Lane explained, "is in accordance with the original understanding with the Aetna company to the effect that the Government would withdraw from the contract as soon as benzol and toluol were produced by means of the Rittman process in commercial quantities."

"I am greatly gratified at the success which has been made in the mechanical development of the process, and I feel assured that the process has an important and successful industrial future, not alone as a source of two of the most valuable constituents of high explosives, but also as an efficient means of supplying dyestuff bases. The mechanical improvements which can reasonably be expected to follow continuous operation and more general use are certain to give better results than those so far obtained."

Negro Held as Result Of Fire in Coal Yard

One man is being held for investigation and the police of the Fourth precinct are making further inquiries as a result of a \$500 blaze in a coal yard at 312 B street southwest last night.

The man under arrest is Ernest Reed, colored, who, Detective Wallace, Horton and Garrett say was seen in the vicinity of the yard shortly before the fire broke out.

The home of Joseph Dianlani at 312 B street was damaged by sparks falling on it and igniting the roof.

APPROVAL GIVEN TO PLANS FOR CHAPEL

Plans for the construction of the new chapel of the Mt. Pleasant M. E. Church, South, last night received the approval of Dr. W. F. McMurry, of Louisville, Ky., executive officer of the board of church extension.

Dr. McMurry today occupied the pulpit of the Mt. Pleasant Church Hall, following which he left Washington for Danville, Va.

Dr. McMurry came to Washington for the express purpose of consulting with the officers of the church, and last night met them in conference. Dr. F. J. Prentiss today announced that, at the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. McMurry not only approved the plans submitted for the chapel itself, but also approved the plans of the church for raising what money is still lacking toward its construction.

The new chapel of the Mt. Pleasant Church is to be built on a site located at sixteenth and Lamont streets northwest, valued at about \$23,000 and given to the church by the church extension board.

The chapel, which is ultimately to be part of a fifty or sixty thousand dollar edifice, will cost about \$20,000, of which \$15,000 has already been subscribed.

In preparation for the actual work of building the new church a meeting will be held here this afternoon, when a committee will be appointed.

THE MARKETS OF ECONOMY AND CLEANLINESS

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1440-42 P St. N. W.
1935 14th St. N. W.
726 7th St. N. W.
1778 U St. N. W.

3420 Ga. Ave. N. W.
3101 M St. N. W.
7th and Q Sts. N. W.
7th and B Sts. N. E.

8th and E Sts. S. E.
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CLUB STEAK, lb. . . . 20c

CHUCK STEAK, lb. . . . 16c

BEST HAMBURG STEAK, lb. 12½c

SIRLOIN STEAK, lb. . . . 24c

PORTERHOUSE STEAK, lb. 26c

BOILING BEEF, Plate, lb. . 12½c

CHUCK ROAST, lb. . . . 15c

PRIME NATIVE RIB, lb. . 18c

BONELESS BACON Machine Sliced lb. 24c

PORK PUDDING, lb. . . . 12½c

SAUSAGE, Green, lb. . . . 15c

FRESH SHOULDERS, lb. . . 15c

Smoked Picnic Shoulders, lb. 10c

Fancy SMOKED HAM, lb. 15½c

Smoked Boneless Shoulders, lb. 10c

Sweet PEAS Wrinkled

3 Cans - 25c

Sugar, 10 Lbs. 58c

GROCERIES

TOMATOES

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LARGE CAN - 7c

Fancy Head Rice, 9c

Grape Nuts, 12c

Quaker Corn Flakes, 5c

Minute Tapioca, 9c

Asparagus, 17c

Campbell's Soups, 25c

Ready-made Soups, 8c

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Golden Santos, 20c

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All Reg. 40c Teas, 35c

Choice Mixed Tea, 29c

Egg Noodles, reg. 3½c

5c pkg. . . . 3c

Ground Black Pepper, can. 9c

Vanilla Extract, also Lemon, bot. . . 9c

Baking Soda, pkg. . . . 4c

Kirkman's Soap, 2 for. . . . 9c

Sweetheart Soap, 2 for. . . . 7c

Globe Crystal Soap, 25c

Fels Naptha Soap, 2 for. . . . 9c

NEW PACK

TUNA FISH 14c

LARGE CAN - 7c

Lighthouse Cleanser, 10c

3 cans. . . . 10c

Octagon Powder, 3½c

pkg. . . . 3c

Fels Soap Powder, 4c

pkg. . . . 4c

Sal Soda, 5c

6 lbs. . . . 5c

Ammonia, large bottle. . . . 9c

Laundry Starch, 3 lbs. . . . 10c

Matches, pkg. 12 boxes. . . . 8c

Toilet Paper, 3 rolls. . . . 10c

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lb. 15c

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